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# *Annual Report*

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



*Year ending December 31, 1958*



TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

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## BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1958

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**Moderator:** James J. Page

**Town Clerk:** Ruth F. Page

**Selectmen:**

John Boutin, Sr.	(Term Expires 1959)
Osmon Collins	(Term Expires 1960)
James J. Page	(Term Expires 1961)

**Treasurer:** Priscilla Boutin

**Tax Collector:** Francis H. Lackie

**Supervisors of the Checklist:**

Ethel A. Boutin      Forrest E. Clark      Lena Collins

**Constable:** Percival R. Gregory, Jr.

**Highway Agent:** John Boutin, Jr.

**Library Trustees:**

Seraphine Harris	(Term Expires 1959)
Vevah Leonard	(Term Expires 1960)
Catherine Elliott	(Term Expires 1961)

**Librarian:** Vevah Leonard

**Trustees of Trust Funds:**

Ira E. Elliott	(Term Expires 1959)
James M. Leonard	(Term Expires 1960)
Forrest E. Clark	(Term Expires 1961)

**Auditor:** Ethel A. Boutin

**Sextons:**

John G. Elliott, Jr. (Mt. View and East Cemeteries)  
Vernon Hatch (South Cemeteries)

**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** James J. Page

**Fence Viewers:**

Vernon Hatch Guy Labounty

**Overseer of Public Welfare:** Ethel A. Boutin

**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.

**Civil Defense Director:** Ruth F. Page

**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona Boutin Mildred Elliott Grace Gregory  
William Harris

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 10th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1.** To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, John Boutin, Sr., being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$91.64 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12.72 to the White Mountains Region Association for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other towns in the region.

**Article 4.** To hear the report of the Library Trustees concerning the disposition of books and funds under their control and to vote on these recommendations.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

**Article 6.** To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date authorized by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day as in past years.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano in said Town.

**Article 13.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 31st day of January, A.D., 1959.

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

OSMON COLLINS

JAMES J. PAGE

Selectmen of Benton

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1959

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**Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1959 Compared with Actual  
Revenue for the Year 1958**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1958	Estimated 1959
<b>From State of New Hampshire</b>		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 217.64	\$ 200.00
Railroad Tax—1957	13.45	
Savings Bank Tax	8.52	8.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal		
Forest Lands	652.37	600.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	592.01	500.00
State Share 1958 TRA	431.94	180.50
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	181.54	181.54
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	540.99	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes</b>		
Dog Licenses	35.00	35.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	77.18	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	125.69	125.00
Income from Town Truck	592.20	500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	624.52	600.00
<b>Cash Surplus</b>	500.00	1,622.88
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes</b>		
Poll Taxes	126.00	120.00
Yield Taxes	1,104.73	800.00
<b>Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes</b>	<hr/> \$ 5,823.78	<hr/> \$ 5,522.92
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	5,335.15	3,503.44
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<hr/> \$ 9,026.36

## BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1959

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### Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1959 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1958

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1958	Estimated 1959
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 463.00	\$ 450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	398.28	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	335.56	65.00
Expenses Town Buildings	97.50	100.00
Police Department	20.00	15.00
Fire Department		100.00
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	898.07	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,025.37	1,000.00
Expenses of Town Truck	870.42	800.00
Town Road Aid	272.58	91.64
Library	12.00	12.00
Old Age Assistance	202.84	250.00
Memorial Day	14.77	20.00
Cemeteries	162.50	150.00
Regional Association	12.99	12.72
Interest on Temporary Loans	22.50	
Interest on Long-term Note	57.09	
<b>Indebtedness</b>		
Long-term Note-Accelerated TRA Program	431.94	
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</b>		
County Tax	257.00	250.00
School Tax	5,250.00	4,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<hr/> \$10,814.41	<hr/> \$ 9,026.36

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1958

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Land and Buildings	\$ 88,060.00
Electric Plants	
New England Power Co.	\$ 28,750.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,790.00
White Mountain Power Co.	35.00
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	32,575.00
Stock in Trade	300.00
Horses (7)	500.00
Cows (100)	11,000.00
Neat Stock (12)	900.00
Sheep (1) and Goats (4)	50.00
Gasoline Tanks and Pumps (2)	200.00
Lumber	120.00
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<b>TOTAL GROSS VALUATION</b>	<b>\$133,705.00</b>
Less: Veterans' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	— 5,075.00
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<b>Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed</b>	<b>\$128,630.00</b>
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans	\$4,575.00
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Blind	\$500.00
Number of Inventories Distributed	85
Number of Inventories Returned	45
Number of Veterans who Received Property Exemption	6
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax	10

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES  
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR—1958**

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**Appropriations**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	300.00
Expenses Town Buildings	150.00
Police Department	10.00
Fire Department	100.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	92.08
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	800.00
Library	12.00
Old Age Assistance	300.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Regional Association	12.99
Payment on Debt	524.02
Interest	65.00
County Tax	257.00
School Tax	5,031.81

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**TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL  
APPROPRIATIONS** \$10,494.90

**Estimated Revenues and Credits**

Interest on Taxes	\$ 50.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	217.30
Savings Bank Tax	10.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	500.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	965.00
Dog Licenses	40.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	500.00
Rent of Town Truck	300.00
Income from Trust Funds	125.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600.00
Cash Surplus	500.00
State Share TRA	613.89
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	181.54

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**TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS** \$ 4,602.73

Plus Overlay \$ 5,892.17  
109.08

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**NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION** \$ 6,001.25  
Less 55 poll taxes — 110.00

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**AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES** \$ 5,891.25  
(Net valuation \$128,630 × Tax Rate \$4.58 = \$5,891.25)

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1958

Title of Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Over-draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 463.00	\$ 13.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00	400.00	398.28	1.72	
Election and Registration	300.00	300.00	335.56	35.56	
Town Building Maintenance	150.00	150.00	97.50	52.50	
Police Department	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	
Fire Department	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
Health Department	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	
Vital Statistics	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Town Road Aid	92.08	\$ 181.95 <sup>1</sup>	274.03	272.58	1.45
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00		800.00	898.07	98.07
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,025.37	25.37
Town Truck Expenses	800.00		800.00	870.42	70.42
Library	12.00		12.00	12.00	
Old Age Assistance	300.00		840.99	202.84	638.15
Memorial Day	25.00		25.00	14.77	10.23
Cemeteries	150.00		150.00	162.50	12.50
Regional Association	12.99		12.99	12.99	
Principal of Debt	524.02		524.02	431.94	92.08
Interest	65.00		65.00	79.59	14.59
County Tax	257.00		257.00	257.00	
School Tax	5,031.81	606.66 <sup>3</sup>	5,638.47	5,856.66	218.19
	<hr/> <u>\$10,494.90</u>	<hr/> <u>\$1,329.60</u>	<hr/> <u>\$11,824.50</u>	<hr/> <u>\$11,421.07</u>	<hr/> <u>\$901.13</u>
					\$497.70
					<hr/> <u>\$497.70</u>
					<hr/> <u>\$403.43</u>
					<hr/> <u>\$606.66</u>

<sup>1</sup> Unexpended balance in TRA Joint Account 7/1/58

<sup>2</sup> Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance-Crimmins

<sup>3</sup> National Forest Reserve  
Balance due—1957  
One-half—1958

## BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1958

## ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer 12/31/58	\$5,469.85
Due From State	
Unexpended Balance TRA Joint Account	181.95
Unredeemed Taxes	
Levy of 1957	\$151.93
Levy of 1956	82.77
Previous Years	163.10
	397.80
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1958	\$614.92
Levy of 1957	91.40
Levy of 1956	2.00
Previous Years	65.38
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1958	125.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	5.00
	903.70
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,953.30

## LIABILITIES

Due to State	
State Head Taxes—1958	\$140.00
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt	
Retirement	220.77
	\$ 360.77
Due to School District	
Balance of Appropriation	3,486.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,846.97
Surplus	3,106.33
	\$6,953.30

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Community Building and School	
Land and Buildings	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Office Building and Library	
Building	300.00
Furniture and Equipment	25.00
Highway Department	
Equipment—Truck and Snowplow	2,500.00
Town Safe	50.00
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	\$8,375.00

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Received from Motor Vehicle Permits	
1958 Permits	\$ 624.52
Received from Dog Licenses	33.00
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	\$ 657.52
Vital Statistics	
Births— 2	
Deaths—10	

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH F. PAGE

Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD, AND STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

### DEBITS

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS	Levy of 1958	Levy of 1957	Levy of 1956	Levy of 1955	Levy of 1954	Levy of 1953	Levy of 1952
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/58</b>							
Property Taxes							
Poll Taxes	\$5,891.25	\$ 766.70	\$ 4.00	\$ 36.40	\$ 6.16	\$ 14.73	\$ 8.09
Yield Taxes	110.00	52.00					
State Head Taxes	868.88	455.67					
State Head Taxes	325.00	160.00	10.00				
Interest and Costs Collected							
State Head Tax Penalties Collected		62.18					
Interest and Costs Collected		15.00					
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$7,195.13</b>	<b>\$1,511.55</b>	<b>\$ 14.00</b>	<b>\$ 36.40</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 14.73</b>	<b>\$ 8.09</b>

### CREDITS

#### Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$5,335.15	\$ 766.70					
Poll Taxes	68.00	48.00					
Yield Taxes	740.46	364.27					
State Head Taxes	200.00	150.00					
Interest and Costs Collected		62.18					
State Head Tax Penalties		15.00					
Discount Allowed		111.60					
Abatements			4.00	\$ 2.00			
Poll Taxes			10.00	5.00			
State Head Taxes							
Uncollected Taxes							
Property Taxes	444.50						
Poll Taxes	42.00	2.00					
Yield Taxes	128.42	91.40	5.00	\$ 36.40	\$ 6.16	\$ 14.73	\$ 8.09
State Head Taxes	125.00						
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$7,195.13</b>	<b>\$1,511.55</b>	<b>\$ 14.00</b>	<b>\$ 36.40</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 14.73</b>	<b>\$ 8.09</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1958**

**DEBITS**

	<b>Tax Sale on Account of Levies of</b>				
	<b>1957</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>1953</b>
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 390.46				
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes— January 1, 1958	6.68	\$ 106.06	\$ 92.30	\$ 70.80	\$ 28.91
Interest Collected After Sale		1.23			\$ 21.11
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 397.14</b>	<b>\$ 107.29</b>	<b>\$ 92.30</b>	<b>\$ 70.80</b>	<b>\$ 50.02</b>

**CREDITS**

Remittances to Treasurer During Year	\$ 245.21	\$ 24.52			\$ 50.02	\$ 72.59
Abatements during Year						
Deeded to Town During Year						
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1958	<b>151.93</b>	<b>82.77</b>	<b>\$ 92.30</b>	<b>\$ 70.80</b>		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 397.14</b>	<b>\$ 107.29</b>	<b>\$ 92.30</b>	<b>\$ 70.80</b>	<b>\$ 50.02</b>	<b>\$ 72.59</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
**FRANCIS H. LACKIE** Tax Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAIL  
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

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Received from Francis H. Lackie,  
Tax Collector

1950 Tax Sales Redeemed	\$ 72.59
1953 Tax Sales Redeemed	50.02
1956 Tax Sales Redeemed	24.52
1957 Tax Sales Redeemed	245.21
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	\$ 392.34
1956 Poll Tax Abated	2.00
1956 State Head Tax Abated	5.00
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	7.00

1957 Property Tax Collected	766.70
1957 Poll Tax Collected	48.00
1957 Yield Tax Collected	364.27
1957 State Head Tax Collected	150.00
1957 State Head Tax Penalties Col.	15.00
1957 Interest & Costs Collected	62.18
1957 Poll Tax Abated	4.00
1957 State Head Tax Abated	10.00
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	1,420.15

1958 Property Tax Collected	5,335.15
1958 Poll Tax Collected	68.00
1958 Yield Tax Collected	740.46
1958 State Head Tax Collected	200.00
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	6,343.61

Received from Ruth F. Page,  
Town Clerk

1958 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	624.52
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1958 Dog Licenses	33.00
	657.52
Received from Ethel A. Boutin, Constable	
1957 Dog License	2.00
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds	
For Cemeteries	67.44
For Highways	58.25
	125.69
Received from Sale of Cemetery Lot	20.00
Received from State of New Hampshire	
For Town Road Aid	\$ 431.94
For Class V Highway Maint.	181.54
Interest and Dividends Tax	217.64
Railroad Tax—1957 ..	13.45
Savings Bank Tax	8.52
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	652.37
National Forest Reserve	1,184.03
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	540.99
	3,230.48
Received from Truck Hire	
Town of Benton	468.00
State of New Hampshire	
County Road Work	71.20
Other Work	20.00
John Boutin, Sr.	20.00
Paul Boutin	8.00
Alfred Morrie	5.00
	592.20

Received from Woodsville National Bank	
Tax Anticipation Note	1,500.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,290.99
Balance on Hand 1/1/58	5,049.32
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	\$19,340.31
Less Selectmen's Orders	— 13,870.46
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Balance on Hand 12/31/58	\$ 5,469.85

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds	\$ 8.00
Ira E. Elliott, trustee of trust funds	8.00
Forrest E. Clark, trustee of trust funds	8.00
Ethel A. Boutin, auditor relief agent	\$ 20.00 10.00
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	30.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	30.00
Tax Commission meeting	4.00
assessing	16.00
perambulation of Woodstock line	10.00
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	60.00
Osmon Collins, selectman	30.00
Tax Commission meeting	4.00
assessing	16.00
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	50.00
James J. Page, selectman	75.00
closing 1957 accounts	30.00
assessing	16.00
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	121.00
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	50.00
closing 1957 accounts	20.00
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	70.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	50.00
Tax Commission meetings	8.00
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	58.00

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00
	463.00

### Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

F. J. Shores, Register, tax sales & transfers	19.62
James M. Leonard, mileage and dinners for trustees	6.45
Priscilla Boutin, postage and supplies	15.36
James J. Page, postage, supplies, and mileage	8.82
Osmon Collins, mileage and dinners for selectmen	7.75
John Boutin, Sr., mileage for selectmen	4.50
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	9.21
Courier Printing Co., Inc., town reports	183.05
C. R. Hardy, Treas., Town Clerks' Assn., 1958 dues	3.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Assn., 1958 dues	3.00
George E. Quig Ins. Agency, officers' bonds	28.60
State Tax Commission, supplement to laws	1.00
Ethel A. Boutin, telephone and supplies	3.15
E. B. Mann & Co., supplies	1.76
Twin State Publishing Co., notice of meeting	2.00
Recording and Statistical Corp., auto guide renewal	7.50
P. R. Gregory, Jr., constable, fees	.40
Ruth F. Page, town clerk, fees	38.50
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector, fees, postage, and supplies	46.75
Woodsville National Bank, charges	7.86
	398.28

### Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

Courier Printing Co., Inc., notice of meeting	1.80
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	5.76
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	24.00

Osmon Collins, selectman	16.00
James J. Page, moderator	24.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	24.00
Lena Collins, supervisor	64.00
Forrest E. Clark, supervisor	64.00
Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	48.00
Grace Gregory, ballot clerk	16.00
Mildred Elliott, ballot clerk	16.00
Iona Boutin, ballot clerk	16.00
William Harris, ballot clerk	8.00
Osmon Collins, ballot clerk	8.00
	335.56

#### **Detail 4. Expenses of Town Buildings**

P. R. Gregory, Jr., wood	30.00
Page Hill Farms, wood	67.50
	97.50

#### **Detail 5. Police Department**

P. R. Gregory, Jr., constable	20.00
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#### **Detail 6. Health Department**

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	5.00
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#### **Detail 7. Vital Statistics**

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	5.00
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#### **Detail 8. Town Road Aid**

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank (Paid on long-term note for accelerated TRA program)	92.08
John Boutin, Sr., labor and chain saw hire	109.50
John Boutin, Jr., labor and chain saw hire	30.50
Joseph N. Boutin, labor	20.00
Lloyd Mason, labor	10.00
Town of Benton, truck hire	10.50
	272.58

**Detail 9. Town Road Maintenance—Summer****Labor**

John Boutin, Sr.	162.00
John Boutin, Jr., agent	109.00
Joseph N. Boutin	60.00
Albert J. Boutin	43.00
Homer Young	8.00
	—
	382.00

**Equipment Hire**

Arthur D. Bigelow	175.90
George B. Tyler	145.00
Town of Benton	114.00
John Boutin, Sr.	12.25
	—
	447.15

**Gravel**

Ernest G. Coates	24.00
Norman Williams	20.40
	—
	44.40

**Supplies**

Robert Varney Lumber Co., Inc., planks	24.52
	—
	898.07

**Detail 10. Town Road Maintenance—Winter****Labor**

John Boutin, Jr., agent	281.00
Albert J. Boutin	108.00
John Boutin, Sr.	88.00
William Harris	20.00
Lloyd Mason	13.00
John Harris	11.50
Ernest G. Coates	6.50
John Elliott, Jr.	5.50
Joseph N. Boutin	5.00

Lewis Boutin	4.00
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542.50	
Equipment Hire	
Town of Benton	343.50
Town of Haverhill	22.00
Don Girouard	10.00
Ernest G. Coates	3.50
	_____
	379.00
Repairs	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	40.90
Stoddard Implement Co.	9.12
Ethel A. Boutin, freight for repair parts	2.90
	_____
	52.92
Supplies	
The Holbrook Grocery Co., salt	45.00
Parke J. Patten	5.95
	_____
	50.95
	_____
	1,025.37

### Detail 11. Town Truck Account

#### Gas and Oil

Edith J. Yeaton	235.20
Bearse's General Store	43.02
Stub's Service Station	42.41
J. and D. Fullerton	6.55
Aldrich General Store	5.54
	_____
	332.72

#### Repairs, Maintenance, Etc.

H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co.	315.76
R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency	99.56

Stub's Service Station	64.31
Bailey Buick	15.13
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	9.32
John Boutin, Jr.	2.30
Bearse's General Store	1.38
	507.76
Work for State on County Road, Plowing	
Snow (To be repaid by State)	
John Boutin, Sr.	15.30
John Elliott, Jr.	3.33
John Harris	3.33
William Harris	2.66
John Boutin, Jr.	2.66
Lloyd Mason	2.66
	29.94
	870.42
<b>Detail 12. Library</b>	
Vevah Leonard, librarian	12.00
<b>Detail 13. Old Age Assistance</b>	
State of New Hampshire	202.84
<b>Detail 14. Memorial Day</b>	
F. J. Norris Co.	2.91
George Taylor	1.10
E. B. Mann & Co.	10.76
	14.77
<b>Detail 15. Cemeteries</b>	
Vernon Hatch, South Cemeteries 1957	12.00
John Elliott, Jr.	147.50
Kelley the Florist, Inc.	3.00
	162.50

**Detail 16. Regional Association**

White Mountains Region Association	12.99
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**Detail 17. Interest**

Woodsville National Bank, tax anticipation note	22.50
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, long-term note	57.09
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	79.59

**Detail 18. Tax Anticipation Note**

Woodsville National Bank	1,500.00
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**Detail 19. Long-term Note**

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	431.94
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**Detail 20. County Tax**

L. M. Colby, Treas., Grafton County	257.00
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**Detail 21. School Tax**

Benton School District, appropriation	5,250.00
National Forest Reserve, balance due 1957	14.64
National Forest Reserve, 1958	592.02
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	\$5,856.66

## TRUST FUNDS

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**Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending  
December 31, 1958**

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There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown (\$183.94) is that received during the year 1958 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

NAME OF FUND	Amount of Fund			Distribution of Income		
	Cemetery	School	Highway	Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$ 12.90	\$			\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00			2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00			5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25			
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00					51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	5.00				
J. C. Speed	126.08	3.79				
Whitcher & Kendall	179.00	5.41				
Wm. T. Torsey	43.09	1.30				
Samuel Annis	43.08	1.30				
Jonithan Davis	43.09	1.30				
George H. Clark	179.58	5.42				
Ella Mann	50.00	1.50				
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.50				
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	3.02				
Isabella M. Tyler	50.00	1.50				
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	\$6,577.11	\$ 67.44	\$ 58.25	\$	58.25	

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEONARD

FORREST E. CLARK

IRA E. ELLIOTT

Trustees

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, Highway Agent, and Library Trustees and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

Auditor

January 28, 1959

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Town Appropriation	\$25.00
Howard Tyler, donation	2.00
Donation (unknown)	1.00
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	\$28.00
Paid for Dinner	
E. B. Mann & Co., ice cream	10.76
F. J. Norris Co., groceries	5.91
George Taylor, bread	1.10
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Unexpended balance	\$17.77
	\$10.23
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	\$28.00

**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
For Year Ending January 1, 1959**

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**School Board**

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1961
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1960

**Other District Officers**

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

**Teacher**

Mrs. Romina Boemig, Benton St. School, Grades 1-8

## SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the tenth day of March, 1959, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Founda-

tion Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN

JAMES LEONARD

MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON  
1959-1960**

	Paid Out 1957-58	Paid Out Budget 1958-59	to Jan. 1 '59	Proposed Budget 1959-60
<b>Administration</b>				
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers	\$ 66.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 66.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	36.32	41.00	73.20	50.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	44.00	40.00	46.00	40.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	42.77	41.00	13.00	50.00
5. Supplies & Expenses	64.96	60.00	42.85	60.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
6. Teachers' Salaries	3,069.35	3,100.00	1,076.30	3,200.00
7. Books & Other Instructional Aids	138.81	100.00	40.82	125.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	319.61	100.00	11.69	125.00
10. Supplies & Other Expenses		10.00		10.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>				
11. Salaries of Janitors	402.50	410.00	190.00	410.00
12. Fuel or Heat	96.00	90.00	97.50	100.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	88.44	75.00	38.34	85.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>				
14. Repairs & Replacements	108.27	75.00	73.11	75.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
15. Health Supervision	3.97	85.00	37.65	85.00
16. Transportation	275.00	300.00	341.25	250.00
17. Tuition	3,078.20	4,000.00	1,679.00	2,800.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
19. Retirement & Soc. Sec.	211.01	215.00	68.81	215.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Expenses	54.44	55.00	54.24	55.00
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
24. Contingency Fund		100.00		100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,099.65</b>	<b>\$8,959.50</b>	<b>\$3,889.76</b>	<b>\$7,901.00</b>

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1959-1960

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report.

\$7,901.00

### Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1959	\$ 200.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	600.00
State Aid	2,700.00
Income from Tuition	200.00
Income from Trust Funds	50.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,901.00 for the school year 1959-1960.

ETHEL BOUTIN  
JAMES LEONARD  
MILDRED ELLIOTT  
School Board

### Recommended Motion

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$7,901.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958

## Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1957	\$ 43.90
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	714.64
State Aid: Foundation Aid	1,975.98
Appropriation	4,816.75
Balance Due on Prev. Approp.	408.25
Other Sources:	
Elementary Tuition	175.00
Trust Funds	58.25
Other	12.07
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	\$8,204.84

## Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$8,099.65
Cash on Hand June 30, 1958	105.19
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	\$8,204.84

July 1, 1958 to January 1, 1959

## Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1958	\$ 105.19
State Aid	2,750.78
Appropriation	1,000.00
Other Receipts:	
Tuition	74.00
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	\$3,929.97

## Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$3,889.76
Cash on Hand January 1, 1959	40.21
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	\$3,929.97

**BALANCE SHEET****June 30, 1958****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1958	\$ 105.19
Accounts Due to District	
From Town	246.72
Overpayment Social Security	8.37
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	\$ 360.28

**Liabilities**

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	\$ 360.28
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**STATISTICAL TABLE****For 1957-1958**

	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attendance	Average Tardiness
Benton St.	14	13.5	.45	96.7	6

**Roll of Perfect Attendance**

None

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

## Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1958

Cash on Hand July 1, 1957	\$ 43.90
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$4,816.75
Balance on previous approp.	408.25
Received from State Treasurer	
State Funds	1,975.98
Federal Funds—Forest Reserve	714.64
Received from Tuitions	175.00
Received as Income from	
Trust Funds	58.25
Received from Other Sources	
Refund—duplicate payment	7.98
Refund—State on per capita tax	4.09
	—————
	\$8,160.94
Total Amount Available for	
Fiscal Year	\$8,204.84
Less School Board Orders Paid	8,099.65
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1958	\$ 105.19

LENA COLLINS

Treasurer

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN

Auditor

**SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34**  
**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #34 during 1957-58 received a salary of \$7,422.00 which was made up as follows: \$4,250.00 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and \$3,172.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,100.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

District	Salary	Travel
Benton	\$ 36.32	\$ 12.59
Easton	45.04	15.62
Franconia	501.49	173.91
Landaff	85.65	29.70
Lincoln	1,097.04	380.44
Lisbon Special	931.14	322.91
Lisbon Town	227.75	78.98
Lyman	102.93	35.69
Sugar Hill	144.64	50.16
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	\$3,172.00	\$1,100.00

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1957-1958 was 14, the average membership 13.9 and the percent of attendance 96.7. There were 14 pupils enrolled in other districts: one pupil attended Plymouth High School, one at Haverhill Academy, 5 at Woodsville High, 5 at Warren Elementary and 2 at Haverhill Elementary.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 16 which includes one tuition pupil from Haverhill. There are two elementary and one high school pupil attending Haverhill, two pupils attending Plymouth High School, four pupils enrolled at Warren, and seven pupils now attending Woodsville High School.

This is Mrs. Boemig's fourth year as teacher at Benton School. With sixteen pupils in attendance and one or more pupils in each of eight grades, Mrs. Boemig has too little time to get in all of her classes and prepare adequately for them. Nevertheless she works industriously each day, keeps the children active at their school tasks and takes a personal interest in the welfare of each of the children.

High school work becomes increasingly difficult throughout the country. The State of New Hampshire has just completed Minimum Standards study with demand for an extended high school program. Every day we read newspapers asking for more emphasis on Science, Math and Foreign Languages. There are public demands that high school pupils work much harder.

This year several of the Benton children have found

that high school work is very difficult. Whether Benton children can be adequately prepared for high school work under the present one-room school organization is questionable. We should take a new look at the present school system and see what can be done.

The typical one-room school today maintains six grades or less. This practice permits the teacher to concentrate on lower grade work and at the same time gives the older children a chance to attend village junior high school and make an easier transfer to high school.

Your School Board is vitally interested in the education and welfare of every child. I wish to thank each officer of the School District and all members of the community for their help and cooperation towards a good school year.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EXPENDITURES 1957-1958**

**Administration**

1. Salaries of District Officers		
Iona Boutin, Auditor	\$	6.00
Ethel Boutin, Chairman		
School Board and Clerk	25.00	
Mildred Elliott, School Board	10.00	
James Leonard, School Board	10.00	
Lena Collins, Treasurer	15.00	
		\$ 66.00
2. Superintendent's Salary		
Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34		36.32
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		44.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		
Ethel Boutin, Census	8.00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34		
Superintendent's Secretary	29.77	
Forrest Clark, Truant Officer	5.00	
		42.77
5. Supplies and Expenses		
N. H. School Boards Ass'n., dues	5.00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34	31.49	
Ethel Boutin, phone calls		
and envelopes	2.00	
Edson C. Eastman,		
general fund ledger	18.45	
Lena Collins, postage	2.00	
Bank Service Charge	6.02	
		64.96

**Instruction****6. Teacher's Salary**

Romina Boemig	2,359.98
Treasurer, State of N. H., Soc. Sec. 69.77	
Collector of Internal Revenue	524.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement	115.60
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	3,069.35

**7. Books and Other Instructional Aids**

Wilcox-Follett	15.07
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	17.21
J. B. Lippincott Co.	1.02
Scott, Foresman & Co.	43.29
American Book Co.	6.08
World Book Co.	4.71
Rand-McNally Co.	21.83
Ginn & Co.	5.64
Follett Publishing Co.	14.68
Allyn & Bacon Co.	9.28
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	138.81

**8. Scholars' Supplies**

Peck Co.	11.48
J. L. Hammett Co.	260.32
American Education Publications	9.20
Chas. Scribners' Sons	3.44
Milton Bradley Co.	29.22
World Book Co.	3.14
Harr-Wagner Publishing Co.	1.76
Lisbon Special School District	1.05
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	319.61

**Operation of School Plant****11. Janitor's Salary**

Mildred Elliott	402.50
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## 12. Fuel or Heat

Iona Boutin, kindling	6.00
Ray Gregory, drawing wood	30.00
James Page, fuel	60.00
	96.00

## 13. Water, Light and Supplies

N. H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	73.94
Mildred Elliott, supplies	5.40
E. W. Bailey & Co.	3.54
Scruggs' Hardware	5.56
	88.44

**Maintenance of School Plant**

## 14. Repairs and Replacements

Iona Boutin, cleaning school	32.50
Mildred Elliott, part for furnace and shoveling snow	4.00
E. J. Yeaton, trucking planks	2.40
Aldrich Store, paint	22.62
Scruggs' Hardware, minor repairs	37.05
Varney Smith, planks & nails	9.70
	108.27

**Auxiliary Activities**

## 15. Health

E. B. Mann & Co., medical supplies	3.97
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## 16. Transportation

Marcia Anderson, Treasurer, Warren School District	275.00
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## 17. Tuition

M. Connary, Treas. Plymouth School District	320.00
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M. Anderson, Treas.		
Warren School District	875.00	
C. Knox, Treas.		
Woodsville School District	1,233.20	
W. Eichorn, Treas.		
Haverhill School District	650.00	
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		3,078.20
<b>Fixed Charges</b>		
19. Retirement		
Treas., Super. Union #34	3.95	
N. H. Teachers Retirement	156.86	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	50.20	
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		211.01
20. Insurance		
R. T. Bartlett, insurance	54.44	
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$8,099.65</b>

**Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1958**

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
January 14 Peter John Boutin	M	L John Boutin, Jr.	Iona V. Mason	Benton, N. H.	Lisbon, N. H.	Bath, N. H.
September 21 Albert Joseph Boutin, Jr.	M	L Albert Joseph Boutin	Mabel E. Guyette	Benton, N. H.	Woodsville, N. H.	Raymond, N. H.

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1958**

Date and Name and Surname of Deceased	Cause of Death	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation
Age	Sex				
January 30	Louis Duclos	Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis	56 Nashua, N. H.	M Oscar Duclos	Georgiana Godbout Mechanic
February 22	Edward H. Philbrick	Adv. Silico-Tuberculosis	69 Springfield, N. H.	M Elwin Philbrick	Stock Clerk
March 26	Bridget Scanlon	Cardio-Pulmonary Insufficiency	62 Manchester, N. H.	S Lawrence Scanlon	Clerk
April 22	Mark R. Snow	Cerebro-Arterio Sclerosis	75 Eaton, N. H.	M John Snow	Orra Robertson Painter
May 4	James H. Moore	Cardio-Vascular Failure	77 Wilmington, N. C.	M John R. Moore	Window Washer
	24	Augustin Normand	66 St. Reni, Canada	S Zetherin Normand	Farmer
October 4	Patricia Ann Harris	Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis	7 Haverhill, N. H.	S William Harris	None
	9	Cerebral Deterioration	49 Nashua, N. H.	M Jack Green	Shoe Worker
November 11	Seth Green	Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis	79 Ashland, Mass.	W Edward Fereault	Housewife
	25	Cardio-Renal Disease	64 Columbus, Ohio	S Julian Griggs	Mary E. Davidson Medical Sec'y.
		Chronic Congestive Heart Failure			

## REPORT FROM THE WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION

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1958 was a busy year for the White Mountains Region office, particularly in the information and transportation fields.

In view of foreseen drastic consequences, the Region took a very active part in representing our towns in fighting transport curtailment, particularly with regard to the railroads. We appeared at hearings in Concord, North Conway, and Littleton, and engaged in a considerable amount of travel and correspondence in the effort to prevent the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central railroads from cutting out their passenger service. While only limited success resulted, it should be pointed out that such curtailments will go through without even a delay if they are not strongly contested. We have also taken an active part in proceedings before the Civil Aeronautics Board in attempting to secure better air service for northern New Hampshire; the final decision on this is not yet in. In the meantime, we have worked with bus companies to publicize their service in the hope that bus travel may take up some of the slack.

Demands for White Mountains literature of all types continue to increase, and we have been considerably crowded to satisfy them. The new N. H. Montreal office, turnpike information booths, and new sources contacted while out of state have all upped the quantity of literature we need to distribute. As satisfying the requests for folders about our region means dollars to our towns, it is extremely important that we receive enough funds to supply the need.

We have continued our customary and tested programs of 4-H awards, Youth Awards in science, and of liaison with all types of organizations and departments who in one way or another are working for the benefit of our area and our state. We have confidence that 21 years has proved them worthwhile. We have continued to travel to areas outside our state to carry the White Mountains message, and have cooperated with attractions operators and others who are doing the same job in different ways.

We'd like to remind every town again in this legislative year that holding the line in taxes in New Hampshire will be possible to a large extent only as much as we continue to bring in out-of-state visitors to help finance our main sources of revenue (Ex: they pay over 40% of the gas tax and others). To do this, we have to continue to reach out and bring them in, and put up the small sums (which return many times over) that publicity costs. It's for our own benefit, and it **does** pay off. At a small outlay to any one town, an area publicity program operates that benefits **all** our towns. Our surveys in four consecutive years have shown consistently 2½ to 3 times the town monies coming back to the area out of just a few inquirers surveyed.

Your town's part in this work is important, and is appreciated. This is one way where we in New Hampshire can still do things for ourselves.

DAVID S. CASSEY, Executive Sec'y.









